(8) (*a*) and (*b*).

		£.	s.	d.
(1)	5 gold-mounted bear claw labels and 30 gold chackram brooches	... 21	0	0
(2)	Embroidered tea cloth	... 8	18	0
(3)	Silver muff chain	... 0	13	8
(4)	Bear claw brooch	... 2	10	0
(5)	Double claw brooch	... 2	10	0
(6)	Ivory paper cutter	... 1	4	0
(7)	Do. Do.	... 0	18	0
(8)	Ivory deer with eagle on back	... 2	4	0
(9)	Small ivory box (carved)	... 2	4	0
(10)	Ivory visiting card case	... 0	18	0

Restriction re Caste of the Medical Officer and Nurse at Vaikam.

75. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any order that the Medical Officer and the nurse of the Vaikam Hospital should be caste Hindus?

(*b*) If so, will the Government be pleased to state the reasons therefor?

(*c*) Has any non-caste Hindu or non-Hindu been appointed at any time in the said Hospital as Medical Officer or as nurse?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is no such Government order and there is no nurse in the Vaikam Hospital.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): With regard to part (*c*), may I know the number of such doctors posted to Vaikam?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The number has not been ascertained.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether there has been a permanent posting at Vaikam of any non-caste Hindu?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know the reason for that?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There is no special reason found in the records.

Operation of the Land Colonisation Scheme.

76. **MR. G. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): With reference to the scheme for the assignment of *puduval* lands to agricultural syndicates and co-operative societies, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total number of applications, if any, received hitherto and disposed of under the scheme;

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